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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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AFDROUGHT

ROME FOR FODAG; LAGOS FOR PROUTY

EO 11652: NA

SUBJ: COTONOU/PARAKOU WEEKLY REPORT NO 18. AUG 17-23 AUG

REF A. ABIDJAN 7200 B. COTONOU 1260

1. SITUATION IN PORT OF COTONOU

EVACUATED STOCK AS OF
ALL BY RAIL COB AUG 23

A. TOTAL RELIEF GOODS

I. AID SORGHUM MALI/NIGER 1065.640 MT 335.186

A. EX DEL SOL (SOCOPAO) 333.605 204.874

B. EX HELENE ROTH (SOCOPAO) 701.083 130.312

C. EX DELTA PARAGUAY (SACOTRA) 30.951 0

B. TOTAL ESSENTIAL COMMERCIAL

FOODS 1331.545 MT NA

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I. SUGAR (SACOTRA) 419.545 NA

II. SALT (SOCOPAO) 841.71 373.0

C. AVERAGE RELIEF GOODS EVACUATED PER DAY 152.23 MT

D. GENERAL MERCHANDISE EVACUATED DURING REPORTING PERIOD 1,092.58

E. PERCENTAGE OF SUITABLE RAIL CARS DEVOTED TO ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS 58.1 PERCENT

F. ARRIVALS DURING REPORTING PERIOD NONE

2. PARAKOU SITUATION EVACUATED NO OF TRUCKS STOCK

A. TOTAL GOODS	5538	309	NA
B. TOTAL RELIEF FOOD	1681	93	NA
1. MILK POWDER	136	9	NA
2. AID SORGHUM	1545	84	NA
C. GENERAL MERCHANDISE	3857	216	NA

3. DURING REPORTING PERIOD, TOTAL OF 1545 MT OF SORGHUM WERE SHIPPED NORTH FROM PARAKOU. IN VIEW SIZE OF EVACUATION IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OCDN JUMPED GUN SOMEWHAT AND BEGAN EVACUATIONS TO NIAMEY PRIOR TO RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM SOCOPAO. TO DO SO AND BEFORE AMENDMENT WAS MADE TO SOCOPAO CONTRACT TO ENABLE IT TO GIVE SUCH ORDERS. OCDN COTONOU DOES NOT HAVE OR REFUSES TO RELEASE DATA CONCERNING DESTINATIONS OF THE 1545 MT NOR CAN IT SPECIFY WHAT PORTION OF 1545 MT SHIPPED CAME FROM EACH OF THE THREE VESSELS. AIDOFF COTONOU ATTEMPTING TO SECURE THIS INFO DIRECTION FROM OCDN PARAKOU. WILL REPORT ASAP.

4. AS REPORTED REF B, SACOTRA RECEIVED TOTAL OF 1198.946 MT EX DELTA PARAGUAY. OF THIS AMOUNT, OCDN OFFICE AT PORT REPORTS THAT TOTAL OF 1191.501 MT HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM COTONOU. BALANCE OF 7.445 MT IS SPOILED. THE 335 MT BALANCE OF SORGHUM REMAINING IN COTONOU TO BE SHIPPED TO PARAKOU IS SOCOPAO RESPONSIBILITY.

5. PERFORMANCE OF SOCOPAO IMPROVED GREATLY DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. SOCOPAO STOCK OF SORGHUM AS OF COB AUG 22 UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEN REDSO WA REPS GILL AND TROUT AND RFFPO PROUTY ARRIVED COTONOU WAS APPROX 661 MT DOWN SUBSTANTIALLY FROM STOCK OF APPROX 1700 MT AS OF COB AUG 14 DURING PREVIOUS VISIT OF REDSO WA REPS GILL AND MOORE. ON BASIS THIS IMPROVED EVACUATION RATE SOCOPAO CONTRACT WAS AMENDED AS PER REF A. CHESHES

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